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§ Customer No. 27683
§ Group Art Unit: 3732
§ Examiner: Pedro Philogene

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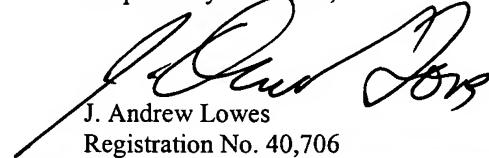
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